

**RECAP OF OCTOBER 22ND, 2012 CDoC CITIZEN ADVOCACY MEETING**

The CDoC plans to have a more firm schedule with regard to the Community meetings. The next will be in February (place and time not set), at which time they will provide a schedule for the further year.

Tom Clements was still recovering from injury due to his bicycle accident.

Initial moment of silence for the slain Correctional Officer at Ark Valley, which was followed with a question concerning the two suicides in the YOS AD SEG unit, one male and one female offender about 3 days apart, the first week of Oct. Investigation still proceeding, although CDoC has initiated additional suicide identification training for staff.

Quarterly revenue forecast for the State was on the plus side, so CDoC is not making any plans for cost reduction but will wait on direction of General Assembly. Facility usage study (closure and re-use) has been put out for bid, no award at yet.

CSP-II is scheduled for remaining staff to be moved by end of Oct.

AR 300-26 dealing with reading materials has been changed with special attention given to definitions. It appears that a college biology text was considered contraband because of the images. More leeway is to be given on socially accepted depictions of nudity and offender mail will not be censored for content.

New warden at Limon and Associate warden vacancy at Trinidad

Susan White reported that there were 8,600 parolees in the system and they are releasing around 750 offenders a month. There are 1,500 of the ISP inmates on Residential control and 700 non-Residential

CDoC is working on implementing the presumptive parole program where a likely candidate for Parole could be placed in a ComCor bed before their incoming Parole hearing to aid in transition. Discussion of the work on reducing and consistent parole violation process and the VET Program at CMRC

The classification program revision is going through its trial and is expected to be implemented by Dec 31st. One key is that those with sufficient points will be moved to minimum at 7 years before MRD instead of the current 10 years.

**Questions were then answered -**

The status of young lifers whose sentences were changed due to Supreme Court decision (no LWOP) is still under discussion with regard to their level of custody and parole considerations.

Comment raised on the conflict within the CDoC regarding how violent offenders are classified, particularly under AR 550-04, as the reference statute is no longer applicable.

Incentive programs are at all level 3 & 4 facilities except Territorial. Difference is Level 3 gets thicker mattresses and video games.

Comments regarding inequity of job assignments and availability

Comment regarding monitoring of cells when offenders are involved in emergency situations and steps for officers to take in securing cell

Discussion of the process in which medlines are managed at Sterling. Recommendation by CDoc is that offenders notify medline a week before self meds (blister pack) run out.

Question about frequency and availability of dental hygiene was addressed by referring individuals to AR 700-04

Temperature at facilities being too hot or too cold. Facilities addressed that facilities try to maintain a even 74%, however, the living space is difficult to manage. Some cells do require the inmates to be given additional blankets due to the air venting issue. ACA (American Correctional Assn) has recognized this as a correctional systemic issue and is looking to come up with a standard.

Private prison - discussion of work opportunities and closing of several programs at Bent County

## **SOTMP issues**

The therapists do make recommendations to the Parole Board along the lines of the Lifetime Supervision Act criteria

The SOTMP evaluation team had met twice on-site with offenders and was planning two further meetings, later in October and then in November. report is to be provided to CDoC no later than Jan for their comments prior to submission to the JBC in February.

Comment regarding use of polygraph by SOTMP and continued declaration that it was a treatment and not punishment tool

Statement was made that it takes at least 12 months to achieve 90% treatment success with an offender and that a trust relationship with the therapist/program is not required

There has been a 72% increase in the number of paroles involving those with a sex offense (timeframe not specified). 90 under Lifetime Supervision, 1 habitual and 662 Determinate sentences ( )mandatory parole).

Comment regarding therapists making recommendations for those who are in Phase I over those who are in Phase II

Breakout for treatment is -

5,185 S5 - those with a current or prior sexual offense conviction. This covers Lifetime Supervision, those with a Determinate offense, and those re-sentenced to a non-sexual offense. CDoC has no way of determining how many are those classified as S5 due to prior offense.

343 S4 - those with an administratively determined sexual offense history. This was changed to a due process hearing starting in July 2008. Supposedly there have been only 4 hearings and no information on the outcome of those hearings.

528 S3 - those with a sexual violation under the Code of Penal Discipline (COPD) that did not warrant additional felony charges.

CDoC has stated that they are only doing SVP assessments for active sexual offense convictions, however, they did do retroactive assessments for a period of time do to an understanding by the Attorney General which they no longer consider valid.